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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-183734 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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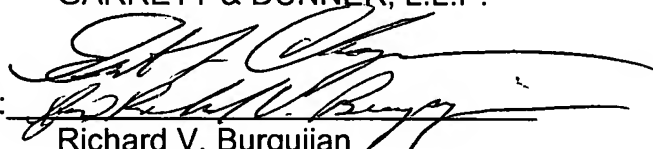
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